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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 14, 2019

TO: Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents
Public School Academy Directors

FROM: Venessa A. Keesler, Ph.D., Deputy Superintendent 
Educator, Student, and School Supports

SUBJECT: MCL: 380.1280f Read by Grade Three Guide

The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has been working diligently to provide guidance to local education agencies around the requirements of MCL: 380.1280f (Read by Grade Three Law). As a part of this initiative, the department staff has collected questions and resources to highlight and address specifics of the legislation. The MDE is now releasing the second version of the Read by Grade Three Guide. The information and resources were developed collaboratively by the MDE staff and Early Literacy experts around the state. The Read by Grade Three Guide can be found at https://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Read_Grade_3_Guide_638247_7.pdf.

Additions to the second version of the Read by Grade Three Guide include:

- A section to address staffing as outlined in the law
- Essentials for Families fridge poster
- Updated FAQ responses regarding Read by Grade 3 “cut scores” and developmental kindergarten

All revisions/additions are identified in italics.

Please note the Read by Grade Three guide will be updated as necessary. Any updates will be added to this document on a quarterly basis, or sooner as warranted.

Thank you for all you do to support the parents/guardians in your district/academy.

Please direct any questions you have to MDE-EarlyLiteracy@michigan.gov.

cc: Michigan Education Alliance

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